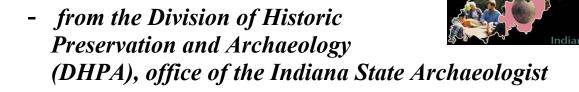


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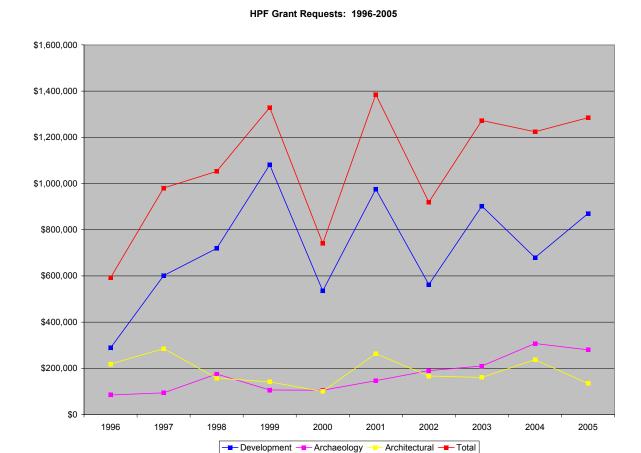


- Possible Changes to Indiana Archaeology Law- Senate Bill 575 has been introduced in the Indiana General Assembly, which if passed and signed into law, could make several changes and additions to our current Indiana archaeology and historic preservation law (Indiana Code [IC] 14-21-1). To read the text of this proposed bill, go to http://www.in.gov/apps/lsa/session/billwatch/billinfo. For information on our current law, you may access http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/archmonth/pdf/questions.pdf as well as http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title14/ar21/ch1.html.
- Indiana's Demand for Archaeology Grant Funding In Perspective—The federal Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) matching grants program administered by the DHPA remains extremely competitive. For the last three years, there has been an average of two-and-a-half-times as many dollars requested as there is available for grant awards. The funding is shared by three categories: architectural and historical projects, development (rehabilitation) projects, and archaeological projects.

Over the last ten years, the total dollars requested through this program has increased by more than 115%, which demonstrates Hoosiers' growing interest in identifying, documenting, and preserving their cultural heritage. The demand for grant funding remains strongest in the development category, but the demand for archaeology funding has been growing steadily – increasing by about 230% over the last ten years. The accompanying chart demonstrates this trend

The HPF archaeology grant category covers large-scale surveys to identify sites, limited investigation of individual sites to determine their eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places, a variety of public education activities, and preparation of nominations to the National Register for sites that have been determined to be eligible for listing. Eligible applicants include municipal governments, educational institutions, and not-for-profit organizations. Archaeological survey projects are funded on a 70/30 basis – 70% grant funds, 30% matching funds; all other activities are funded on a 50/50 basis. The maximum grant award for survey and investigation projects is \$50,000; the maximum grant award for public education and National Register projects is \$10,000. For more information about the HPF grant program, contact the DHPA Grants Staff at 317-232-1646 or visit the division's website at www.in.gov/dnr/historic.

The graph below shows the demand for HPF grants by project category over the last ten years. The volatility between the years 2000 and 2002 is attributable to several factors. In 2000, the availability of \$1.45 million of State funding for rehabilitation activities caused a big drop in the development category; however, the architectural and archaeology categories were unaffected. In 2001, a large and unexpected increase in the HPF apportionment necessitated a secondary grant round, which caused a jump in all three categories. In 2002, the national recession caused a drop in the demand for development grants; however, the architectural and archaeology categories were relatively unaffected.



• <u>Changes in Archaeology Section and DNR</u>- The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology has recently advertised for a full time archaeology position. We will introduce the new member of the DHPA archaeology team to you in a future edition of *Archaeology News*. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources also has a new Director, Kyle Hupfer. It is a time of changes and new opportunities, and we will keep you up to date.

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